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ACT regional statistics released today

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has today released a range of regional statistics for the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and Queanbeyan in the publication **ACT Regional Statistics 2003**.

The publication includes information on household income, labour market, population, building activity, road traffic accidents and schools in the ACT and Queanbeyan region.

Some interesting highlights include:

ACT

- At June 2001, there were 39,333 Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) pensions and benefits customers in the ACT. Of these 18% were considered labour market customers, 41% were receiving the age pension and 16% the disability support pension,
- In all Statistical Subdivisions (SSD), the majority of labour market customers were receiving the Newstart allowance. North Canberra recorded the highest proportion, with 87% of labour market customers receiving Newstart.
- While south Canberra had the highest proportion of residents aged 65 and over (15%), it had only 9% of all age pension recipients.
- According to Australian Taxation Office data, there were 163,972 taxable incomes in the ACT in 1999–2000.
- The mean taxable income for the ACT in 1999–2000 was \$40,687. South Canberra had the highest mean taxable income (\$52,010), followed by Woden Valley (\$43,630). Belconnen had the lowest mean taxable income (\$38,404).

Queanbeyan

- At June 2001, there were 6,578 FaCS pensions and benefits customers in the Queanbeyan SSD. Of these 17% were considered labour market customers, 39% were receiving the age pension and 19% the disability support pension.
- In Queanbeyan SSD there were 19,373 taxable incomes. Queanbeyan recorded a lower mean taxable income than any SSD in Canberra (\$38,072).

Further information is in **ACT Regional Statistics 2003** (cat. no. 1362.8.55.001).

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